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Reverend Thomas R. Peterson will be  
escorted by Dr. E. Gardner Jacobs

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At this time that he was joined by his son, E. Gardner Jacobs, who was the son of Roses Brown, the Manlius Military School and received his undergraduate and graduate degrees from Bryant. The younger Jacobs assumed administrative duties, rising to Vice President for Development. In 1935 he recommended that the College expand and move to "College Hill" on the East Side of Providence. This move was made in 1935. Opening in the Fall of that year, the school changed its name to BRYANT COLLEGE and announced an enrollment of 400 men and women students.

The surge of students after the Second World War began a period of expansion that resulted in the construction of dormitories and eventually the occupation of 32 buildings in this area. Further impetus to the growth of Bryant was the act signed by Governor John O. Pastore and passed by the Rhode Island General Assembly in 1949, incorporating the Bryant College of Business Administration as a non-profit institution to be governed by a Board of Trustees.

The College now had 3,000 students representing 15 states and nine foreign countries. It became important for the College to gain national accreditation. Gardner Jacobs, as Vice President for Development, was charged by the Trustees with this task of winning recognition for the College. The curriculum was broadened to include courses in the general humanities with as much emphasis on the cultural subjects as on the solely technical business subjects. The faculty was strengthened. The library was enlarged. All these educational improvements made the College eligible for accreditation. In December, 1964, the College received accreditation by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. In 1970, Bryant won accreditation from the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), one of only two colleges in the state to have achieved this recognition.

One of the outstanding contributions made by the Jacobs, father and son, was the number of celebrities attracted for honorary degrees at its Commencements. Bryant recalls such honorees as Vice Presidents Charles Curtis and Alben Barkley, Helen Keller, Ben Fairless and Irving Olds of U.S. Steel, Madame Chiang Kai-Shek, Winthrop W. Aldrich, Senator Margaret Chase Smith, James C. Penney, Roger Babson, Oveta Culp Hobby, Robert W. Sarnoff of NBC, and the senior Henry Ford.

After 55 years of service and leadership as a pioneer in business education, Henry L. Jacobs, being in poor health, resigned in 1961. His son became Acting President. Henry Jacobs died in January of 1963 and Gardner Jacobs was elected by the Board of Trustees to succeed him to the Presidency that year.

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Bryant in the 60's was bulging at the seams. So the search began for a location out of town. In the Fall of 1967, Gardner Jacobs met with Earl S. Tupper, founder and president of the Tupperware Company, who had for sale some 200 acres of land in Smithfield, Rhode Island. This land, together with some historic buildings, was valued at \$300,000. As Dr. Jacobs described the mission of the College, its long history and its educational philosophy of preparing young men and women for the world of business, Mr. Tupper unexpectedly decided that he would like to give his estate to Bryant as an outright gift. A sound financing plan, the sale of existing buildings to neighboring Brown University, a bond issue and some government grants and loans enabled the College to build these magnificent structures and make the dramatic move to the new campus, just 10 miles from Providence.

Prior to this move, Dr. Gardner Jacobs in 1969, after 50 years of service to the institution as Vice President for Development, Acting President, President and Chairman of the Board, resigned and was elected by the Board of Trustees as First Chancellor and President Emeritus. He was succeeded as President by Dr. Schuyler Hoslett, who served less than two years. Dr. Hoslett resigned because of ill health and was succeeded by Dr. Nelson J. Gulski, former Dean of the School of Business Administration, who became Acting President.

In 1970, on the recommendation of a Presidential search committee, (which included Dr. Jacobs), the Board of Trustees announced the appointment of the current President, Dr. Harry F. Evarts, former Dean of the School of Business Administration, Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. Dr. Evarts presided over the dramatic move of the College from Providence to Smithfield in September of 1971.

It is estimated that more than 80,000 Bryant graduates have moved into the world of business since the foundation of the College. Today, the College campus includes 2,600 day students from 26 states and five foreign countries, of which more than half live in 13 beautiful dormitories and, as of this year, in the new Townhouses. The Evening Division numbers some 1,600 adult students and the M.B.A. program some 400 graduate students. Intersessions, summer programs, management development programs account for many more.

This year marks the beginning of the College's 112th year. The Jacobs 68-year leadership in the growth of this institution is a proud heritage for this new era of Bryant's development under the direction of President Evarts.

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